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CONAKRY - GUINEA

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 2012 – 001 B

OPEN TO: MISSION EMPLOYEES

POSITION: POLITICAL ASSISTANT, FSN-9; FP-5*

*(IF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE NOT FULLY QUALIFIED, POSITION MAY BE FILLED AT ONE-TWO GRADES LOWER AND AT LOWER SALARY)

FP FINAL GRADE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE APPROPRIATE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

OPENING DATE: JULY 16, 2012

CLOSING DATE: JULY 27, 2012

WORK HOURS: FULL-TIME; 40 HOURS/WEEK

SALARY: *ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR): 60,961,857 GNF P.A. (STARTING SALARY) (POSITION GRADE: FSN-9)

*IF CANDIDATE IS AN "NOR" CANDIDATE OR "AEFM" CANDIDATE, PLEASE CONTACT HR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON COMPENSATION

ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR) APPLICANTS (*See Appendix A*) MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

APPLICATIONS CAN EITHER BE BROUGHT TO THE US EMBASSY'S MAIN ENTRANCE OR BE SENT TO ConakryHR@state.gov.

THERE IS NO FEE WHATSOEVER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION.

CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE AT EXT. 4298/4178 FOR ANY PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED WHEN DROPPING OFF YOUR APPLICATION.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE HIGH NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED, ONLY SHORT-LISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED.

The U.S. Embassy in Conakry is seeking an individual for the position of Political Assistant in the Mission's Political Economic and Commercial Office.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

Contacts and Reporting

Develops and draws upon regular contacts with senior Guinean officials, party leaders, military officers and recruits and private individuals to acquire, compile, and verify information not publicly available, yet related to the political climate of Guinea. Places particular emphasis on contacts who are reluctant to speak freely with USG officials. On the basis of these contacts, provides oral, written and/or electronic briefings and periodic in depth reports for mission officers and official visitors on:

a. Current events and trends, and public and private opinion about them;
b. Biographic data on significant political personalities;
c. Internal structure and personnel composition of Guinean governmental institutions and ministries, and the mechanics of interaction among them.
d. Policy positions, campaign strategies, internal structure, and personnel composition of political parties and major non-governmental organizations.

Drafts unclassified reports on political or military developments suitable for cable transmission. Drafts or edits some correspondence in appropriate formal french. Translates selected political documents, letters, and other information.

Carefully reviews all available local print and broadcast media in order to analyze and explain policies and current events. Produces daily e-mail summary and analysis of official news broadcasts and select independent press reports.

Liaison and visitorshandles routine liaison between Pol/Econ officers and senior Guinean officials by personally transmitting correspondence, arranging and confirming appointments and maintaining regular contact in order to ensure accurate and timely intercourse between the two sides. Employs linguistic, personal and organizational skills to assist Pol/Econ officers with U.S. Government visitors, missions, and other visitors by serving as logistical assistant, escort, interpreter, and "cultural" guide during their sojourns in Conakry and or upcountry. Screens unannounced visitors to the chancery who seek contact with the Ambassador's Office or the Political /Economic Office.

Determines the purpose of visit and directs visitors to appropriate solutions for their queries. If appropriate, seeks appointments with relevant officer.

Acts as back-up to the FSN Economic Assistant and performs other job related duties as assigned.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities as well as the application is available at the U.S. Embassy's main entrance.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

1. Education - University degree.

2. Seven years prior work experience working with and making contacts in Guinean government ministries, institutions, NGOs, and political parties on a regular, sustained basis. Contacts should be in political and economic areas.

   Applicant who do not have the full years of experience may be considered for lower level and at lower salary.

3. Level IV (fluent) English and French (reading, writing, speaking) are required. Language proficiency will be tested.

4. Knowledge - Must have a thorough understanding of the mechanisms of Guinean government, protocol, and socio/political structures. Must also be intimately familiar with Guinea's interior and its cultural imperatives.

5. Skills and Abilities - Good organizational and interpersonal skills are required to gather, distill and distribute assigned information under limited time restrictions. Working knowledge of Window-based word processing, spreadsheet and database programs. Must have demonstrated ability to learn to use a hand-held two-way radio.

SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.

2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.

3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.

4. Currently employed U.S. Citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.

5. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

6. The candidate must be able to obtain and hold a valid security clearance.

TO APPLY

Interested candidates for this position must submit the following for consideration of the application:

1. Universal Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff Family Member (DS-174), which is available at http://conakry.usembassy.gov/job_opportunities.html or at the U.S Embassy's main entrance**; plus**

2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE (see Appendix B); **plus**

3. Any other documentation (e.g essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above

4. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional U.S. Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

Human Resources Office-ConakryHR@state.gov or at the U.S Embassy's main entrance

Attention: Management Officer
P.O. Box 603
Transversale N0.2
Centre Administratif de Koloma
Commune de Ratoma
Conakry, République de Guinée

POINT OF CONTACT

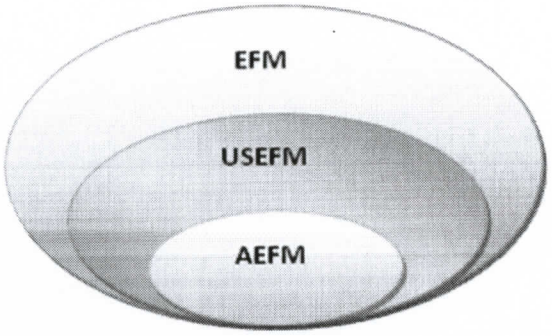
Telephone: 65 10 40 00 Fax: 224 -65 10 42 97

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: JULY 27, 2012

The U.S. Mission in Conakry provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

Appendix A
DEFINITIONS



This diagram demonstrates how an Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM) is also a U.S.- citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) as well as an Eligible Family Member (EFM).

1. **Eligible Family Member (EFM):** An individual related to a U.S. Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610);
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

2. **U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM):** For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and,
- EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority; and either:

    1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad ; or

2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

3. **Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM):** EFM (see above) eligible for a Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:

- Is a U.S. citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Is listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126, Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, and who is under chief of mission authority; and
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate.
- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity

4. **Member of Household (MOH):** An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

4. **Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR)** – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (*OR*, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

5. **Ordinarily Resident (OR)** – A Foreign National or U.S. citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,

- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without U.S. Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

Appendix B

If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the UAE.

Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.

A. Position Title
B. Position Grade
C. Vacancy Announcement Number (if known)
D. Dates Available for Work
E. First, Middle, & Last Names as well as any other names used
F. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
G. U.S. Citizenship Status *(Yes or No)* & status of permanent U.S. Resident (Yes or No; if yes, provide number)
H. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
I. Eligibility to work in the country *(Yes or No)*
J. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide *(Yes or No; if yes, provide explanation)*
K. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class / Type
L. Days available to work
M. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
N. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
O. Education
P. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
Q. Language Skills
R. Work Experience
S. References